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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 January 1967

Godfrey reported that there are some U. S. citizens in the hotel in Managua but that Somoza has given assurances the hotel will not be fired on. He felt that the situation is pretty well wrapped up barring further action in the provinces.

Godfrey noted that we do not consider the situation in Kiangsi, China, to be as intense as the press descriptions. However, the same kind of deterioration appears to be starting in Manchuria.

Godfrey reported that, in response to the Director's request, he examined the evidence for a purge in North Korea and concluded that, while the Defense Minister may in fact have been dismissed, it appears to have been a Kim Il-Song action.

Godfrey briefed the Director on a conference call yesterday with Mr. McCone concerning the President-elect of Brazil.

In response to a question, DD/P and Godfrey both felt that the Agency's forewarning and reporting on Nicaragua were adequate.

Kent reported that, in response to a call from [] on Saturday, he sent Agency studies on the effects of mining the ports of North Vietnam to the Secretary of Defense's office. ONE will be reviewing this subject further. DDCI called attention to the existence of a JCS study on this matter.

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Warner noted that Secretary McNamara and other DOD and JCS representatives will be testifying on the Hill all this week.

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In response to a question from the Director on Saturday concerning a report of a 1964 plot between Khrushchev and Kim Il-Song, DD/P noted a later report from the same source describing the origins of the Red Guard last August as spontaneous.

DDCI reported that the sessions with the Brookings group had gone well.

DDCI called attention to an item in the weekly highlights from Saigon describing the growing troubles of the Viet Cong.

The Director briefed on his and Admiral Taylor's meeting last week with the Secretary of State. The Secretary was interested in receiving details on civilian casualties in North Vietnam which would distinguish between the numbers of certain KIA and the numbers of estimated casualties. (See Action 1)

The Director noted that the Secretary of State is interested in those areas of China where the USSR might have influence and also in any scientific or international meetings in which China might have been invited to participate.

The Director said that he informed the Secretary of State that we will be discussing with Bill Bundy the subject of contacts with Ky.

ACTIONS:

1. The Director asked the DD/I to prepare a breakdown of civilian bombing casualties in North Vietnam as requested by the Secretary of State. He will review the paper before dissemination. The Secretary did not stipulate a deadline.

2. The Director asked OCI to prepare a paper on influential Chinese provincial officials. (OCI by 25 January)

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